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Executive Order

6 July 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Members of the Policy Review Committee
(Intelligence)

FROM : Chairman, Policy Review Committee (Intelligence)

SUBJECT : PRC(I) Meeting, 10 July 1979

1. Our meeting on Tuesday, 10 July will focus on national intelligence priorities. I have two main purposes in mind:

(a) to ask your approval for the issuance of the revised NITs of Current Interest; and

(b) to seek your guidance on directions you expect US policy to take in certain key areas as a means of sharpening our response to consumer needs.

2. You will recall that on 12 April I sent you a consolidated listing of proposed changes in the NITs of Current Interest incorporating suggestions made by the Defense, State, and Treasury members, following our meeting on 15 December. That draft still appears to reflect the current concerns of policy consumers.

3. The enclosed copy of the revised NITs is the same as the April version with only minor changes in wording needed to bring them up to date. The left hand column contains the Current Interest NITs as issued by the PRC(I) last year. In the right hand column, textual changes and new questions are indicated by underlining, as are changes in the priorities assigned. In seven instances, there were differences as to the appropriate priority to be assigned. Since they do not appear to be major, I have assigned the priorities that seemed appropriate to me. If any member of the PRC(I) wishes, these can be discussed at the meeting. I hope we can now approve and issue this revised list without further delay.

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4. I would like to devote the major part of our meeting to a discussion of substantive issues that have an important bearing on future intelligence production. It is my belief that an exchange of views on such issues, complementing and expanding on the NIT questions, will make the PRC(I)'s deliberations more productive, its guidance to the Community more effective, and will assist the Community in ordering our priorities. I am attaching a brief list of suggested topics to elicit your views at the meeting.



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